

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, April 18, 2001
6:00 – 7:00 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper Mary Martin, Susan Rasmussen,
Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Clark County Clean Water Commission Member Absent

Willie Bourlet

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese and Earl Rowell

Facilitator

Vaughn Brown, Jeanne Lawson Associates

Guest

Joel Rupley, ESA Coordinator

Introduction:

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, facilitator and guest were introduced. Commissioner Kemper then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review:

The material for tonight's meeting include:

1. 4/18/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda;
- 1B. 4/18/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Agenda;
2. 4/04/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes;
- 2B. 4/04/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Notes;
3. 3/21/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Amended Meeting Notes;
4. Clark County Clean Water Commission Motions year 2001;
5. Article from The Columbian dated April 10, 2001;
6. Calendar of Clark County Clean Water Commission and Other Related Events;

- 6B. Calendar of Water Related Events; and
7. 4/18/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session handouts.

Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies:

Mr. Rowell commented that County staff went to the Washington Department of Ecology earlier today to discuss the lawsuit that was filed by Mr. Karpinski rep. We are now waiting to hear what their position will be.

Mr. Rowell informed the Clark County Clean Water Commissioners that on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. will be the first work session with the County Board of Commissioners, all Clean Water Commissioners are invited to participate.

4/04/01 notes:

Mr. Agard: On page 4 of the meeting notes in the middle of the page, Ms. Renfro states that it costs approximately \$150.00 per student/per year or about \$5,000 per teacher/per year, is that a correct figure? Or is it \$500.00 per teacher/per year?

Mrs. Rasmussen: It is \$500.00 tuition per teacher and between \$2,500 - \$5,000 for a teacher to run the program in a classroom/per year.

The minutes for the April 4, 2001 Clark County Clean Water Commission were approved as written.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentation

◆ Joel Rupley, Endangered Species Act Program

Mr. Rupley, who was hired by the County in January 2001 as the Endangered Species Act Coordinator, introduced himself to the Clark County Clean Water Commissioners.

Mr. Rupley gave an overview of his background, and synopsis of the goals of the ESA program. Part of which is to address habitat issues, and Education & Outreach programs.

Mr. Rupley described the relationship that the ESA program has with Stormwater and the Clean Water Program. The ESA program will propose to National Marine Fisheries to take a set of data that describes each basin through a variety of sources, and on the basis of that data, will answer a series of questions called evaluation considerations about the set of ordinances that we have in Clark County. We would like to propose changes that will make a difference. The Stormwater ordinance will be factored in and reviewed.

Mr. Ek: Does the National Marine Fisheries Service or anyone else define how clean water has to be for the fish?

Mr. Rupley: Fish don't necessarily like drinking water/clean water. National Marine Fisheries Service is mostly concerned with turbidity, chemical pollution and temperature.

Mr. Ek: Are there numbers that will let us know when we get there in terms cleaning up the water?

Mr. Rupley: Yes there are numbers associated with that. This proposal contemplates that we go basin by basin to determine what is most appropriate for the fish. Sets of data need to be collected, it needs to be done uniformly, and efficiently. Data will be collected basin by basin and as we go through the process we anticipate that the biological review of a basin will give us a clear idea of what data is necessary to monitor over time.

Mr. Stubbs: How is your organization funded and whom do you report to?

Mr. Rupley: I work for the Board of County Commissioners. I have a budget that is separate, under the discretion of the BOCC.

Mr. Tuck: How do we get ESA and other groups to work together on a monitoring program so we are not duplicating data.

Mr. Rupley: It takes a clear understanding how broad this situation really is, and involving the appropriate players at the outset. We are currently working on that issue.

Mr. Steinke: Do you think we need to have a countywide coordination with other jurisdictions such as Camas, Vancouver and Washougal?

Mr. Rupley: In a number of areas there is an overlap, we are in contact with these cities.

Adjourn

Mr. Kemper adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Looking Ahead

June:	Clean Water Fee bills mailed.
July:	Clean Water Fee bills due.
September:	Begin work on 2003-2004 budget
September:	Begin/revisit looking at the process for developing the Annual report and Modifications to the ordinance.